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Ding-dong, screech, toot and horn—  
"Please tell me what is 'Fourth July'?"  
"My dear," I answered, turning  
To see the wee maid, all unversed  
In patriotic learning:  
"Our happy land, in times of war,  
Was ruled by a severe mamma,  
Who, right and justice spurning,  
Determined she would make us do  
To her command according;  
But we rebelled, and so it chanced,  
One Fourth of July morning,  
Long years ago, this deed was done,  
By which we Independence won.  
The laws of Mamma England scorning,  
"You understand?" She panted a bit,  
Mischievous dimples playing  
About her lips; then, sudden, I  
Triumphantly heard her say:  
"Now I think, sometimes, all mamma,  
And, very often, too, papa,  
Act had 'bout our obbeyin';  
"Like yours, they want to make us do  
To their commands as accordin';  
Why 'souldn't we rebel, and have  
A nice Fourth July mornin'?"  
"But that was not a good mamma  
Who ruled us in the times of war!"  
My explanation scoring,  
Triumphantly spoke this cunning maid:  
"I'd like to ask that mother  
If she thought you was right; I guess  
She'd say, like any other,  
That she knew how to make good laws,  
And was a naughty child, 'cause  
You didn't mind your mother!"  
—[The Wide-Awake.]

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